

**FREE WALKS & TALKS** may be offered at Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Grant Grove, Cedar Grove, Mineral King, and the Foothills. See pages 8-9.

**TEACHERS:** Curriculum-based programs for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grades on sequoia life cycles and adaptations, species interdependence, and cultural history. E-mail [sekiritc@nps.gov](mailto:sekiritc@nps.gov).

**VISITOR CENTERS:** Each one has unique exhibits and a store: books, postcards, maps, posters, and other items. Your purchases support the parks! See pages 8-9.

**JUNIOR RANGERS:** **FREE PROGRAM** for all ages! Get a free booklet at any visitor center, finish the activities for your age, and earn a badge.

## WHERE CAN I...

Your visit may include both a National Park (NPS) and a National Forest (USFS). Activities that are illegal in the Park may be legal in the Forest (see page 2 for details). Know which area you are in (see back page)!

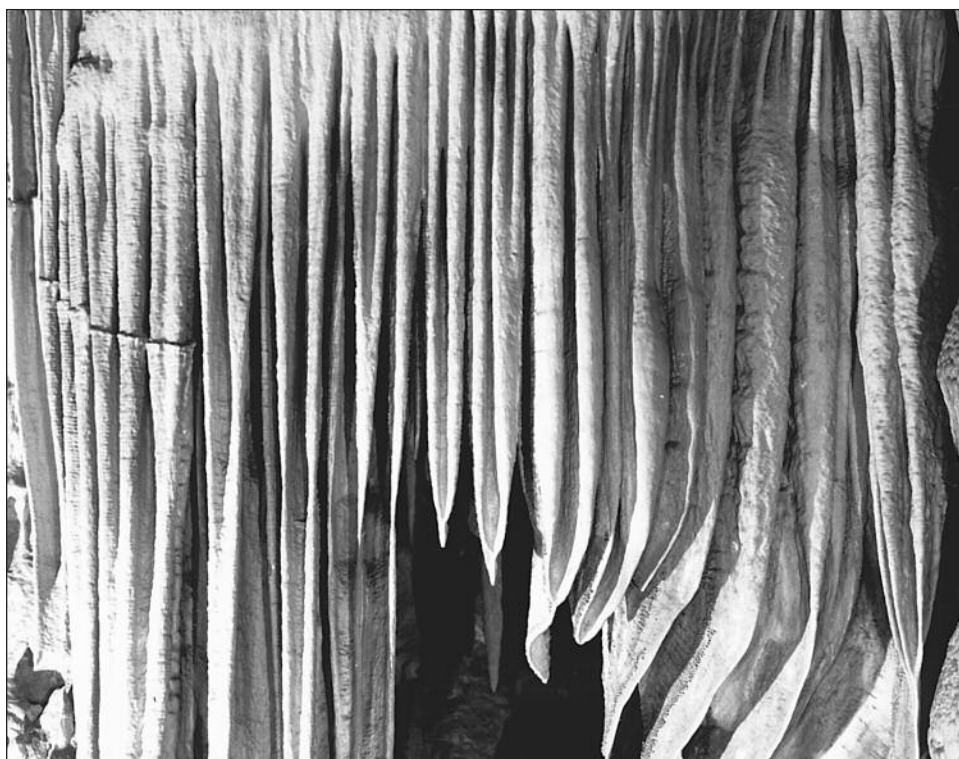
- **BRING A PET - In the Parks:** Not on any trails. It's o.k. 100 feet from roads in developed areas (picnic areas, campgrounds). **In the National Forest:** Pets can go on trails. **In both areas:** Pets must be on a leash less than 6 feet (1.8m) long. Never leave pets in cars as they may overheat quickly.
- **RIDE BICYCLES - In the Parks:** Stay on roads only, not on any trail (other than designated bike trail in Cedar Grove). **In the National Forest:** Ask a ranger which trails permit bicycles. **In both areas:** Be careful: Roads are narrow and RVs are wide. Be careful & courteous near pedestrians & horses. People under 18 must wear helmets.
- **HAVE A FIRE In the Parks:** Only in fire grills in campgrounds & some picnic areas. **In National Forest:** Free fire permits required, even for gas stoves/lanterns. Some areas more restricted than others. Get permits at Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (Grant Grove) or USFS office (Dunlap) on Hwy 180.
- **COLLECT THINGS TO KEEP - Not in Parks:** Leave things where you find them to play their natural role in the ecosystem. **In the National Forest:** Keeping a few cones or rocks for personal use is permitted. **In both areas:** Archeological sites and artifacts are protected by law.
- **DRIVE OHVs OFF-ROAD - Not in the parks.** Stay on roads. **In National Forest:** Get details on available off-highway-vehicle (OHV) roads at USFS Hume Lake office in Dunlap (Hwy 180) or Kings Canyon Visitor Center (Grant Grove).
- **HUNT - Not in the Parks.** Visitors are responsible for understanding and complying with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws before entering this park. It is prohibited to discharge a firearm in the parks. **In the National Forest:** Only during the season with a license: 1-559-243-4005.
- **GO CAMPING - In the Parks:** Only in numbered sites in designated campgrounds. **In the National Forest:** In campgrounds or, unless posted otherwise, near roadsides. Pull a safe distance off the road but no further.
- **GO PICNICKING -** See symbols on back-page map. **Due to bears, never leave food unattended!** Most sites have tables, restrooms & fire grills, except: No grills at Foothills & Sandy Cove. No fires permitted at Lodgepole, Crescent Meadow, Grizzly Falls, & Sandy Cove. No water at Halstead, Powdercan, Lodgepole, Crescent Meadow, Sandy Cove, & Grizzly Falls.
- **SNOWMOBILE Not in the Parks. In National Forest:** Only on designated snowmobile routes at Quail Flat, Cherry Gap, Big Meadows. Call 1-559-338-2251.
- **GO FISHING - In both areas:** Permitted during fishing season. California fishing licenses are required for ages 16 & up. Ask for copies of park regulations.
- **CUT WOOD - Not in the Parks. In the National Forest:** Call Hume Lake Ranger District for permit and guidelines: 559-338-2251.
- **GET CELL-PHONE SERVICE -** See top right of page 5, *Be Safe*.
- **RIDE HORSEBACK** Hourly rides, backcountry spot trips, or guided trips.
  - **Cedar Grove** 1-559-565-3464 summer 1-559-337-2314 off season
  - **Grant Grove** 1-559-335-9292 summer 1-559-799-7247 off season
  - **Horse Corral** At Big Meadows in Sequoia National Forest 1-559-565-3404 summer 1-559-679-3573 cell

# Activities

## Tour Crystal Cave!

No tickets are sold at the cave, only at Lodgepole and Foothills visitor centers. Buy tickets *at least 1½ hours* in advance (see traffic-delay information on back page).

Crystal Cave Road is 15 miles from Sequoia Park entrance at Hwy 198; 3 miles south of the General Sherman Tree (see back-page map). Maximum vehicle length is 22' (6.7 m) on this road. Use parking-lot restrooms; the cave has none. Wear sturdy shoes; the ½-mile trail (.8 km) to the cave is steep. Wear a jacket; it's 50°F (10°C) inside. No baby backpacks, strollers, or tripods. Not wheelchair accessible. Ask about group reservations and wild cave tours: 1-559-565-3759.



- **45-minute Cave Tours daily**  
Times subject to change. Cave may be closed by snow in fall.  
**WEEKDAYS** through 9/5: 10:30am- 4:30pm. 9/6 - 18: 11am, noon, 2pm, 3pm. 9/19 - 10/23: 11am, 1pm, 2pm.  
**WEEKENDS** through 9/5: 10am-5pm. 9/6-18: 11am, noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm. 9/19 - 10/23: Saturdays noon, 1pm. 2pm, 3pm, 4pm; Sundays noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm.  
Ask about special "Ghosts of Crystal Cave" Halloween tours!  
**Fees:** Age 5-12 \$7; age 13-61 \$13; age 4 and under free; Golden Age (age 62 & up) and Golden Access passholders \$12. National Park and Interagency passes do not apply. Discount for SNHA members! Flashlight versions of the tours may be substituted for regular tours.
  - **1½-hour Discovery Tours**  
Weekdays - 4:15pm, through 9/2. Enjoy an in-depth tour of this fabulous cave. Limited to 18 people aged 12 & up. Fee: \$16 each.
  - **1½-hour Historic Candle-Light Tours**  
Thursday-Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday-Sunday 6pm through 9/4. Experience the cave as its discoverers did! Limited to 18 people aged 12 & up. Fee: \$16.
- Note:** White-nose syndrome is a disease that has killed millions of bats in other states. This summer, the parks may have simple screening and decontamination steps at caves in order to protect these amazing mammals.